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I have been an early-adopter of HDTV OTA viewing since the Summer of 2000 in the Baltimore/Washington area. I'm able to receive all the current on-air stations from Baltimore/Washington and Annapolis Maryland using an attic mounted antenna. Since the inception of the digital transmissions I have been waiting for improvements in the actual operation and availability of programming on those channels. In the last 3 years I've only seen it get worse and not better. The support for digital content on the stations appears to be no different today than 3 years ago. The proper transmission of the HDTV content (especially sound) is at most hit or miss. There seems to be no professional interest in providing quality of service at all. So I think the physical plant is in place and the workers who supply the content are unfortunately still asleep at the wheel after 3 years. I can't imagine any acceptance of HDTV with the "amateur" broadcast productions and station management that I'm seeing. No one is putting anything but the lowest level of effort into the transition.

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